

# Junior Cycle Subject Options 2021

DGS GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING  
SERVICE

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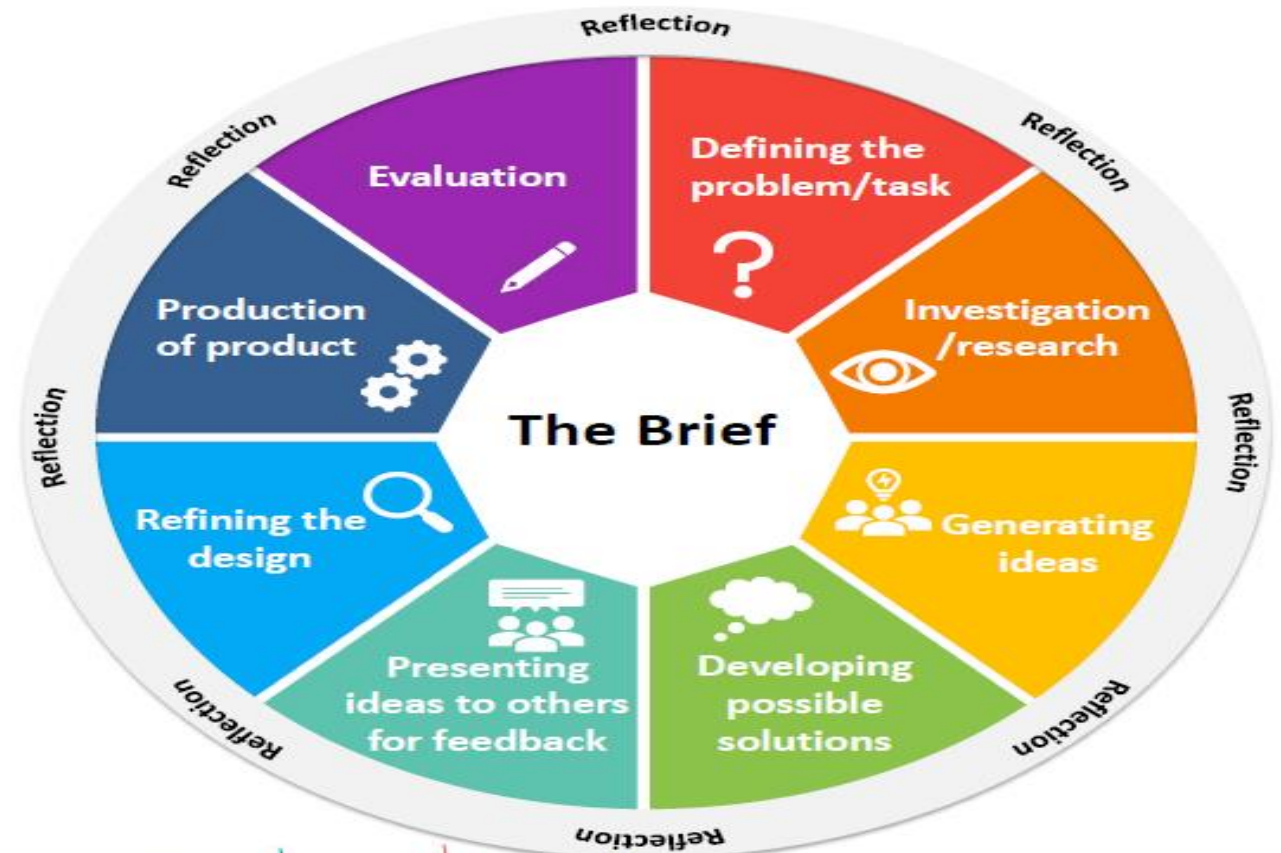


- Junior Cycle – Key Skills

# Junior Cycle - Emphasis on Student Wellbeing



## Design Brief Process



Becoming Familiar with  
the Term CBA  
(Classroom Based  
Assessment)



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**Subject Choice 2021**

# Considerations when Choosing Subjects...

- **Choose a Subject you think you will enjoy - motivation is significantly increased when you are studying something you enjoy.**
- **Reflect on your Aptitudes/Skills – CAT Results**
- **Experience of the Primary School Curriculum**
- **Subjects that have a follow on at Leaving Certificate (College & Career)**





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# Core Subjects (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year)

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**Maths**

**Modern Language**

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**English**

**C.S.P.E.**

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**Irish**

**S.P.H.E.**

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**Geography**

**P.E.**

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**History**

**Religion**

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**Science**

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**Business**





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# Optional Subjects on our Timetable

Music

Applied Technology

Home Economics

Visual Art

GCSE Physical Education

Wood Technology

I.C.T.

Graphics



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# Junior Cycle Grading System

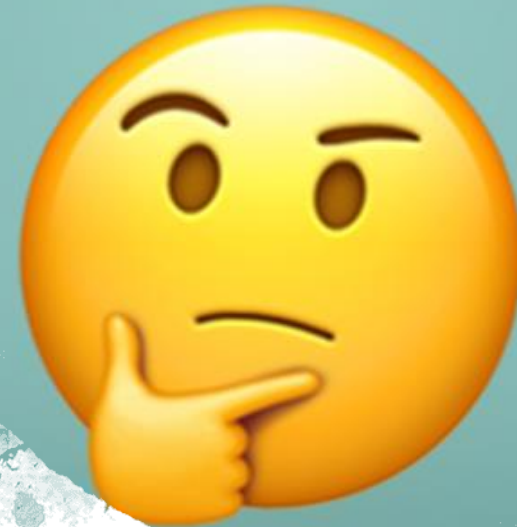
Junior Certificate			Junior Cycle	
Level	Percentage	Grade Descriptor	Percentage	Grade Descriptor
Higher, Ordinary, Foundation/ Ard, Gnath, Bonn	≥ 85 to 100	A	≥ 90 to 100	Distinction
	≥ 70 and < 85	B	≥ 75 and < 90	Higher Merit
	≥ 55 and < 70	C	≥ 55 and < 75	Merit
	≥ 40 and < 55	D	≥ 40 and < 55	Achieved
	≥ 25 and < 40	E	≥ 20 and < 40	Partially Achieved
	≥ 10 and < 25	F	≥ 0 and < 20	Not Graded (NG)
	≥ 0 and < 10	NG		

# Subject Choice Form for 1<sup>st</sup> Year 2021

**1. In Subject Option Groups 1 & 2 indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Preference.**

**2. Indicate your Modern European Language Preference (1 & 2)  
(French/German/Spanish)**

SUBJECT  
CHOICES



# Sample 1<sup>st</sup> Year Subject Choice Form

## OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

- We aim to offer students their highest preferences where possible. Please do not buy textbooks for optional subjects until preferences are confirmed. Students will be allocated **one subject** from Group 1 and **one subject** from Group 2.
- Please indicate your **1<sup>st</sup>**, **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **3<sup>rd</sup>** choices from **each** of the following optional groups:

GROUP 1 Options	Preference (1,2,3)	GROUP 2 Options	Preference (1,2,3)
WOOD TECHNOLOGY		GRAPHICS	
MUSIC		APPLIED TECHNOLOGY	
HOME ECONOMICS		HOME ECONOMICS	
VISUAL ART		VISUAL ART	
P.E. (GCSE exam)*		INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)	

Please indicate your Modern Language Preference by numbering 1 & 2

GROUP 3 Options	Your Preference (1,2)
FRENCH	
GERMAN	
SPANISH	

# Follow on Subjects at Leaving Certificate in DGS

**\*Please note that some subjects have limited class sizes based on Health & Safety Regulations set out by the DES.**

<b>JUNIOR CERTIFICATE*</b>	<b>LEAVING CERTIFICATE</b>
<b>VISUAL ART (ART,CRAFT &amp; DESIGN)</b>	<b>ART,CRAFT &amp; DESIGN</b>
<b>*HOME ECONOMICS</b>	<b>HOME ECONOMICS (Social &amp; Scientific)</b>
<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>MUSIC</b>
<b>*WOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION STUDIES</b>
<b>*GRAPHICS</b>	<b>DESIGN COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS</b>
<b>GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>LEAVING CERTIFICATE PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>
<b>I.C.T.</b>	<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE?</b>
<b>*APPLIED TECHNOLOGY</b>	



# Information on Optional Subjects

- **Visual Art**

<https://www.jct.ie/perch/resources/publications/junior-cycle-visual-art-information-leaflet-2017.pdf>

- **Home Economics**


<https://www.jct.ie/perch/resources/economics/home-economics-subject-information-leaflet.pdf>

- **Music**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B3PPdRcTgBc\\_Vv6JuDoYvf-BMDsxqtUR/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B3PPdRcTgBc_Vv6JuDoYvf-BMDsxqtUR/view)

- **Graphics**

<https://jct.ie/perch/resources/technologies/graphics-information-leaflet-1.pdf>



# Information on Optional Subjects

- **Wood Technology**

<https://www.jct.ie/perch/resources/publications/wood-technology-information-leaflet.pdf>

- **Applied Technology**

<https://www.jct.ie/perch/resources/publications/applied-technology-information-leaflet.pdf>

- **GCSE Physical Education**

<https://ccea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/subjects/gcse-physical-education-2017>





# Information on all Junior Cycle Subjects

- **Careers Portal**

[https://careersportal.ie/school/subject\\_explorer\\_jc.php](https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer_jc.php)

- **Curriculum Online**

<https://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/>





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